

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2026

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, June 15, 2026, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 9:30 am with a salute to the flag led by Chairperson Robert Santos.

Roll Call was as follows: Mr. Santos, present; Mrs. Deavers, present; Mr. Shepas, present.

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Amy O'Brien, will serve as the Fiscal Officer for purposes of this meeting pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 507.021

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-01: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2026.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie & Eric Clark, 5694 Colgate
Kelly Bervish, 5712 Colgate

- All are concerned about neighbor that is randomly shooting his gun for "target practice" at his residence directly behind Kelly's home. Stated that there are random bullet holes throughout their properties.
- Trustee Santos discussed having a proper backstop when shooting as defined by Ohio Revised Code and Second Amendment rights.
- Administrator Mark D'Apolito discussed the issue of the Township not having Home Rule and Township can do nothing but follow what the state legislature mandates. The Trustees cannot pass a motion to ban shooting on properties.
- Trustee Santos added that he has spoken to our district's State Representatives McNally and Fisher, and that the difficulty is getting the rest of the Representatives to agree with making a change. It is not a quick change, but it can happen.
- Chief Valorie Delmont informed everyone that the person discharging the

firearm is in jail and also outlined what a “backdrop” is as Trustee Santos had mentioned.

- Township officials expressed that they will do everything they can to monitor the issue so that all residents feel safe in their homes.

Mike Beaudis, 2604 Barrington Court

- Shared that the Boulder Creek incident is a disaster for the people living in the subdivision, especially the residents at the end of the street. Said the contractors have done an excellent job and stressed that now the properties need restored.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-02: Motion by Mr. Santos at 9:50 am to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito and Amy O'Brien

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-03: Motion by Mr. Santos at 9:58 am to return from Executive Session.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Police Matters with Chief Valorie Delmont:

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-04: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve Memo of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police regarding the addition of language to address the Post-Retirement Employment Program section of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Kaitlin Arnold effective June 9, 2026.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-06: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the resignation of Police Officer Austin Householder effective June 16, 2026.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-07: Motion by Mr. Santos at 10:15 am to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito, Chief Delmont and Amy O'Brien.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-08: Motion by Mr. Santos at 10:28 am to return from Executive Session.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-09: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Zachary Williams effective June 26, 2026.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Fire Matters with Chief Dave Schertzer:

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-10: Motion by Mr. Santos at 10:39 am to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito, Chief Schertzer and Amy O'Brien.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-11: Motion by Mr. Santos at 10:46 am to return from Executive Session.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-12: Motion by Mr. Shepas to hire Conner Sullivan and Jennifer Arendas as Full-Time Firefighters and Alex Rich as a Part-Time Firefighter with starting wages as outlined in their respective Collective Bargaining Agreements. Also hiring Timothy Heitzer as Part-Time Summer Labor at \$13.00/hour.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

The Trustees, Chief Schertzer and Administrator Mark D'Apolito discussed the purchase and installation of the Safe Haven Baby Box. Township can expect to receive it four to six weeks after receipt of funds. The electrician has to be registered in Mahoning County to move forward.

Zoning Matters with Zoning Inspector Dominic Moltchan:

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-13: Motion by Mr. Santos to determine that the below listed properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to ORC 505.87:

5711 Baylor Avenue
Parcel 48-110-0-290.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear and side yards;

Benton Avenue - Vacant Lot
Parcel 48-027-0-105.00-0
High grass and weeds in right-of-way;

3908 Burkey Road
Parcel 48-008-0-010.00-0
Bushes causing site obstruction in need of trimming or removal;

221 Carnegie Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-453.00-0
High grass and weeds, along with junk and debris in front yard;

5735 Colgate Avenue
Parcel 48-110-0-238.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

499 South Edgehill Avenue
Parcel 48-095-0-252.00-0
High grass and weeds, along with junk and debris including mattresses and tires in the rear yard;

124 Idlewood Road
Parcel 48-025-0-093.00-0
Junk and debris throughout property, including garbage on front porch;

131 Idlewood Road
Parcel 48-025-0-115-.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard;

4930 Kirk Road
Parcel 48-093-0-038.00-0
Pine tree causing a site obstruction in need of trimming or removal;

4215 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-582.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

4754 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-027-0-248.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3647 Monaca Avenue
Parcel 48-001-0-083.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property, and junk and debris in front of garage;

3794 Monaca Avenue
Parcel 48-001-0-286.00-0
Junk and debris including garbage at the curb;

4455 New Road
Parcel 48-070-0-015.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

5485 Norquest Boulevard
Parcel 48-030-0-071.00-0
High grass and weeds, and junk and debris throughout property;

235 North Raccoon Road
Parcel 48-012-0-004.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

5068 East Radio Road
Parcel 48-032-0-087.00-0
High grass and weeds rear yard;

2541 Redgate Lane
Parcel 48-002-0-133.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

209 North Roanoke Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-234.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard;

262 North Roanoke Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-197.00-0
Junk and debris throughout property, including garbage;

43 South Roanoke Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-143.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

7081 Ruby Courts

Parcel 48-134-0-058.23-0

High weeds around perimeter of dwelling and flower beds;

5199 Willowcrest Drive

Parcel 48-117-0-023.00-0

Trash and garbage in rear yard near porch and driveway:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township that the above referenced properties constitute a public nuisance and the property owners are hereby **ORDERED** to abate, control, or remove said nuisances. If said nuisances are not abated, controlled or provision for abatement, control, or removal is not made within **SEVEN (7) DAYS** or **FOUR (4) DAYS** for a repeat violation within 12 calendar months from the below date of adoption, the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred **-\$500 minimum-**by the Board of Trustees in performing that task will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-14: Motion by Mr. Santos to schedule a Zone Change Hearing with the Board of Trustees for cases 2026-01-Z on July 13, 2026 and 2026-02-Z on June 29, 2026.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

New Business with Administrator with Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-15: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the sale of Wyndcliff Place Parcel Number 48-058-0-085.00-0 for \$3,132.00 to Wilbert L. King; in excess of auditors appraised value, and in accordance with the purchase agreement between Austintown Township and Century 21 Lakeside Realty, and to authorize Township Administrator to execute the related purchase agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate said transfer.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-16: Motion by Mr. Santos at 11:18 am to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance was Mark D'Apolito.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-17: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 1:13 pm to return from Executive Session.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Presentation by Matthew Ellis from K&O Consulting regarding the Senior Center and the possibility of pursuing funding from the Youngstown Foundation for the Township Senior Center, as it is the premier Senior Center in the area.

Fiscal/Budget Session with Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe:

- Laura presented the Trustees with an outline showing how the departments are progressing with their budgets through the end of May.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-18: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve moving \$200,000.00 in appropriations in General from "Other-Other Expenses" to Salary Account Codes.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-19: Motion by Mr. Shepas to increase Maintenance Department Appropriations \$60,000.00, a portion of the cost to purchase and equip a new Maintenance Department vehicle.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-20: Motion by Mr. Shepas to increase Fire Department Appropriations \$25,600.00 which encompasses the Revenue and Expenses of the Safe Haven Baby Box installation and 2026 maintenance.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-21: Motion by Mr. Santos at 2:05 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito and Laura Wolfe.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-22: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 2:13 pm to return from Executive Session.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Senior Center Matters with Administrator Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-23: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept a \$325.00 donation from The Woodlands at Austinwoods.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Park Matters with Administrator Mark D'Apolito:

- Mark updated the Trustees regarding the Estimate to update the electricity at the Paul S. Pogany Pavilion.

Cemetery Matters with Administrator D'Apolito

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-24: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to increase to cemetery fees as attached.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Road Department Matters with Road Superintendent Mark D'Apolito:

Mr. D'Apolito outlined:

- The first section of Boulder Creek Project was completed as an emergency project using Township funds.
- The contractor, Z-Tech, noticed some issues in the catch basin on the opposite side of the road from the original sink hole.
- It was identified as an emergency, dangerous situation. Due to the deteriorating conditions, a large vehicle in the right-of-way may end up in a sink hole caused by the existing storm sewer.
- Township was informed that the Ohio Public Works Commission would offer a grant with an 80/20 split up to \$115,000.00 based on engineering estimates.
- Based on the engineering estimate and the initial plat provided to Austintown Township, Z-Tech provided an estimate. It was later discovered that the initial plat did not show the gas line easement.
- The gas line caused additional safety issues to the public and prevented the original design from being built.
- Initial 48" pipe runs parallel to the road and is directly under the gas line.
- The gas line easement predates the subdivision.
- Re-routing the gas line would have caused up to nine months of delay and increased the cost to the Township.
- 20' x 40' of excavation was done where previous deformed squash pipe had been installed.

- Halting construction would have placed the health, safety, and welfare of the public at risk.
- Asking the Trustees to approve an additional \$28,080.00 under Ohio Revised Code 505.08 due to the open excavation and impaired waterflow that could lead to further collapse and/or flooding.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-25: Motion by Mr. Shepas to authorize the agreement with Z-Tech in the amount of \$28,080.00, pursuant to R.C. 505.08, for an additional emergency created by an abnormally placed gas line that was not described on the sub-division plat or otherwise identified prior to the emergency work previously approved. A delay in this project would jeopardize property, health, safety and welfare of the residents as the existing storm sewer is no longer functioning and large excavations exist that are likely to become unstable over time.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Mr. D'Apolito stated that Youngstown Water Department has been given two weeks from Mahoning County Health Department to get estimates to repair the sanitary issue at North Beverly and Yorkshire.

Police Chief Valorie Delmont returned with paperwork she had just received for the Communications Department:

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-26: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Lilly Boylen effective June 15, 2026.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

New Business with Administrator with Mark D'Apolito:

Trustee Santos excused himself.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-27: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 3:02 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito and Amy O'Brien.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, absent.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-28: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 3:28 pm to return from Executive Session.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, absent.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-29: Motion by Mr. Shepas to donate \$2,500.00 to Austintown Community Events to help support the “America 250 Community Day-Spirit of America” to be held August 1, 2026.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, absent.

Trustee Santos returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-30: Motion by Mr. Santos at 3:35 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D’Apolito.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-31: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 4:05 pm to return from Executive Session.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-32: Motion by Mr. Santos to adjourn meeting 4:08 pm.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Date: July 6, 2026

Amy O'Brien
Amy O'Brien, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Approved:

Monica Deavers
Monica Deavers, Chairperson Board of Trustees